
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO CONVENE
A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDING
FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, charter schools in Hawaii are public schools that
2 are established to implement innovative models of community-
3 based public education; and
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5 WHEREAS, there is a concern regarding the parity of federal
6 funding supporting public charter schools, direct distribution
7 of formula-based funding to public charter schools, and the
8 effects on funding for public charter schools due to overlapping
9 relationships of the Board of Education and local education
10 agencies; and
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12 WHEREAS, the 2010 Charter School Equity Study concluded
13 that:
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15 (1) Equity was not achieved with \$547,000,000 in federal
16 and state budget program ID (EDN 150) Comprehensive
17 Student Support Services, funding; and
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19 (2) Inconsistencies in access to services and grant
20 notification were identified; and
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22 WHEREAS, because of the limited time available and the
23 complexity of the issues discussed, the Charter Schools Funding
24 Task Force focused its attention on the issue of the funding for
25 public charter school facilities; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Charter Schools Funding Task Force was unable
28 to address other issues related to public charter school access
29 to federal funding including special education services funding
30 for public charter schools; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that issues involving
2 federal funding and access to funds for public charter schools
3 should be identified and addressed; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the State Public
8 Charter School Commission is requested to establish and convene
9 a Public Charter Schools Equitable Funding Task Force to study
10 and identify possible issues and obstacles for public charter
11 schools regarding receipt of federal funding and access to
12 services and grant notification; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals or
15 their designees are requested to convene as members of a Public
16 Charter Schools Equitable Federal Funding Task Force:
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- 18 (1) Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education;
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- 20 (2) Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee
21 on Education;
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- 23 (3) Director of Finance; .
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- 25 (4) Chairperson of the Board of Education;
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- 27 (5) Chairperson of the State Public Charter School
28 Commission;
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- 30 (6) Chief Financial Officer of the State Public Charter
31 School Commission;
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- 33 (7) Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
34 Hawaiian Affairs;
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- 36 (8) Superintendent of the Department of Education;
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- 38 (9) Director of the Federal Compliance and Project
39 Management Office of the Department of Education;
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- 41 (10) Chief Financial Officer of the Department of
42 Education;
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1 (11) Executive Director of the Hawai'i Public Charter
2 School Network;

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4 (12) Chief Executive Officer of Kanu o ka Aina Learning
5 Ohana, who is requested to serve as a member; and
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7 (13) The Chief Executive Officer of Ho'okako'o Corporation,
8 who is requested to serve as a member; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
11 determine a funding formula or equitable process, or both, to be
12 used to ensure parity of federal funding for public charter
13 schools in the State, including conversion charter schools; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force consider the
16 following factors in making its determination:
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18 (1) Detailed information on all existing federal funding
19 sources through the Department of Education and other
20 agencies that impact education in the State;
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22 (2) All federal allocations and their Catalog of Federal
23 Domestic Assistance references and any other relevant
24 correspondence between the Catalog of Federal Domestic
25 Assistance and the Department of Education, including
26 any noncompliance documentation;
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28 (3) Any discrepancies, and the reasons therefor, in
29 calculations of per pupil allocations for non-charter
30 public schools and public charter schools, including
31 conversion charter schools, by various agencies;
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33 (4) All previous legislative task force reports and
34 studies regarding public charter school funding; and
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36 (5) National comparisons of federal funding disbursement
37 methods and formulas, and service formulas for
38 distribution, for the purposes of determining
39 appropriate statutory changes and amendments to serve
40 public charter school students; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Public Charter School
43 Commission is requested to provide the necessary support staff



1 for the Charter Schools Equitable Federal Funding Task Force;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration of this measure
5 is not intended to hinder or impede the enactment of legislation
6 addressing issues relating to public charter school funding
7 during the Regular Session of 2013 or 2014, or any interim
8 special session that may be convened; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Charter Schools
11 Equitable Federal Funding Task Force is requested to submit an
12 initial report of its findings and recommendations, including
13 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
14 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
15 2014, and a final report no later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
20 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education; the
21 Chairperson of the State Public Charter School Commission; the
22 Senate President; the Director of Finance; the Chairperson of
23 the Senate Committee on Education and Ways and Means,
24 respectively; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the
25 Chairperson of the Committee on Education and Finance,
26 respectively, of the House of Representatives; the Chairperson
27 of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the
28 Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools; the Executive
29 Director of the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network; the Chief
30 Executive Officer of Kanu o ka Aina Learning Ohana; and the
31 Chief Executive Officer of Hookakoo Corporation.
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